

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 539  
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A RESOLUTION to recognize Dr. Snowden Carruthers on the occasion of his retirement from the Shelby County School System.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding educators who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Snowden Carruthers is one such estimable educator; having distinguished himself as an exemplary Principal at Bolton High School for many years, he will soon enter into a well-deserved retirement from this position; and

WHEREAS, a native of Shelby County, Dr. Carruthers is a graduate of Bethel College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and Social Studies and holds a Master of Arts degree in Educational Administration and Supervision from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville; he obtained his Doctor of Education in Curriculum and Instruction degree from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Carruthers has served with acumen and alacrity as an educator for forty years in the Shelby County School System, instructing and positively influencing his students throughout his accomplished career, which began in 1965 at Winchester Elementary School where he taught Social Studies; and

WHEREAS, after three years at Winchester Elementary School and a year's stay at Elmore Park Elementary School, Dr. Carruthers began his first tenure as a principal at Lucy Elementary School in 1970. He joined the ranks of dedicated high school educators in 1973 when he accepted the position of Assistant Principal at Millington High School; he then spent four years as Principal of Shadowlawn Middle School (1976-1980) and served as Principal of Kirby High School from 1980 to 1985; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, Dr. Snowden Carruthers was appointed Principal of Bolton High School, his own alma mater, and a place where his family roots run deep. Bolton High was not only the alma mater of both his parents, Nathan C. Carruthers, Jr., Class of 1936, and Martha Bledsoe Carruthers, Class of 1940, but its predecessor, Bolton College, was the alma mater of all four of his grandparents, Nathan C. and Clyde G. Carruthers, and Snowden M. and Clara S. Bledsoe; and

WHEREAS, greatly respected for his insight and wisdom, Dr. Carruthers has been an active member of the National Association of Secondary School Principals, Phi Delta Kappa, Shelby County Education Association, Tennessee Education Association and the National Education Association; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Dr. Snowden Carruthers has received the PTA State Membership Pin and the PTA National Membership Pin, was selected Educator of the Year in 1990 by Youth Villages, was named Bartlett's Favorite High School Principal in 2003 and 2004, was a finalist for Shelby County Superintendent in 2001-2 and was appointed a Colonel, Aide De Camp, to the Governor's Staff in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Snowden Carruthers is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who has worked assiduously to motivate his students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Carruthers has truly served as an inspiration to his colleagues, faculty and students alike, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, although he will be sorely missed by his friends and colleagues, Dr. Carruthers will most deservedly spend his retirement with his family and partaking in the many hobbies and activities he enjoys, including traveling, automobile races, snow skiing, Florida and the beach; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Snowden Carruthers exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and he is most thankful for the love and companionship of his devoted wife of 36 years, Alice M. Carruthers, a retired teacher of Mathematics formerly with the Shelby County School System; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Dr. Carruthers has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues, faculty and students alike; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Snowden Carruthers truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated educator who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized for his manifold achievements in service to the students, faculty and staff of Bolton High School and the Shelby County School System; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Dr. Snowden Carruthers, commend his exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.